

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to "mandate" (as WSYX stated) their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary, days before the election, is clear evidence of the abuse possible as a result of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. They are not upholding their obligation; instead, they are using their broadcasting power for partisan ends.

Surely Sinclair cannot commandeer the airwaves over the objections of:

1. the FCC;
2. the public it serves;
3. the local stations; or
4. the ethical journalistic obligation.

If this is the case, then you have not served us well, and the FCC should overhaul itself so the airwaves can again be called "public."

It is infuriating that the only thing that seems to be working is the boycott of their stations and their stations' local advertisers - not your body. Outrageous. How many entities are complicit in allowing this to continue? You govern these airwaves; ACT.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.